

## 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'

by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury

If you don't have this book at home, you could visit a library together to borrow a copy or you could search online. It is possible to find a video of Michael Rosen himself telling the story!

By reading this lovely children's book you can have great fun and learn more about maths together.

As you share this book, talk together about what you can see on each page, for example, the family and dog going for a walk through the countryside.

Use the language and the actions for the words 'over', 'under' and 'through'. Often when you point out these things, your child will copy you. Have fun sharing the book together.



### Supporting your child to develop their language

Try to remember to wait and pause, give ten seconds for thinking time, listen to your child and then respond.

When you talk about the book together, pause between some of the comments or questions to give your child time to think, time to understand and time to just enjoy each other's company.

#### Words to share

Over, under, through

### Making it work for your family

Keep it simple at first - you might begin by hiding a toy 'under' the table, and then introduce 'over' as they jump over a line on the floor.



### Next time you could try ...

making an obstacle course for teddy so that the child can use the words over, under and through. You might begin to ask the child what comes first, next, after.

**Look** all around you, **talk together** about the things you see, **recap together** on what you have enjoyed - children enjoy doing the same activity again and again and again - this really helps them to learn and remember.